

projects and activities. In all, NetDay continues to save schools and taxpayers millions of dollars in educational technology startup costs, while training and equipping teachers with the knowledge needed to be a successful and integral part of the technical educational experience.

According to NetDay organizers, this year's relationship between private business, the labor community, and neighborhood schools is stronger than ever. Business sponsors and corporate volunteers will be instrumental in making NetDay a successful reality. The small, and large, companies continue to supply the project the needed computer and wiring equipment, and have also encouraged their employees to work with their children's or neighborhood schools. In addition, the labor community will continue to go into schools across America, where they are committed to work with private partners in ensuring that their local schools have the educational infrastructure needed for a well trained work force for the 21st century. The most valuable asset of NetDay continues to be the commitment of thousands of volunteers who will work in their community schools.

As the communities throughout America celebrate their NetDay accomplishments and prepare for future activities for this year and beyond, it is my honor to once again, recognize the NetDay cofounders, Michael Kaufman and John Gage, and organizers, Ann Murphy and Teresa Wann, and the dozens of corporate sponsors and business partners, and the thousands of students, teachers, parents, and school administrators for their achievement. The success and commitment they have shown to America and my State of California should be applauded.

My colleague and cochair on the U.S. Senate information technology caucus, Senator JOHN WARNER, Senator CONRAD BURNS of Montana, Senator CHARLES ROBB of Virginia, Senator PATTY MURRAY from Washington, and my California colleague Senator BARBARA BOXER join me in supporting the advancement of educational technology by sponsoring this resolution. Together, we urge our Senate colleagues to affirm congressional support for preparing U.S. classrooms with the needed technological infrastructure for the 21st century.

I invite my Senate colleagues to join this public-private partnership effort and I congratulate all the volunteers who participated in NetDay 1997 and encourage them to keep up the commendable and exemplary work.●

ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE-AMERICANS, INC.

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable organization in my home State of Michigan, the Association of Chinese Americans, Inc. The ACA, which promotes the presence of and provides

services to Chinese Americans in the Greater Detroit area, is celebrating its 25th anniversary on April 26, 1997.

In 1972, Michigan residents of Chinese descent formed the Association of Chinese Americans with the motto "Embracing the hopes and dreams of Chinese in the United States." The ACA became the first chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans, a national group which helps Chinese-Americans preserve and promote their cultural heritage in the United States.

Many people in metropolitan Detroit have benefited from the ACA's activities, which includes physical and mental health services and legal counseling for people in need. The ACA also sponsors social and educational activities for Chinese-American youth, such as dance troupes, camping trips, and college scholarships.

The ACA plays an important role in preserving and promoting elements of Chinese culture in the United States, helping to keep Chinese art, language, and traditions alive within the Chinese-American community. One of America's great strengths is its diversity, and the ACA helps to remind us all of the valuable additions Chinese-Americans have made to American culture.

The ACA has encouraged Chinese-Americans to participate in the electoral process, and has helped give Chinese-Americans a strong voice in our political system. Members of the ACA frequently share their opinions, insights, and knowledge of issues which affect the Chinese-American community with elected officials at all levels of government.

The Association of Chinese-Americans has been effective in furthering the hopes and dreams of Chinese-Americans. I am proud to have such a vibrant and important organization in Michigan, and I invite my colleagues to join me in offering congratulations to the men and women of the ACA on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.●

[At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.]

HONORING THE LIFE OF LYMAN SPITZER, JR

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding scientist and visionary, Mr. Lyman Spitzer Jr., who recently died in Princeton, NJ at the age of 82. Mr. Spitzer was one of those rare individuals who not only made history, he actually changed history.

Spitzer was a theoretician of astrophysics and plasma physics who inspired the Hubble Space telescope and a myriad of orbiting observatories. His scientific contributions began decades ago, when he played a leading role in the development of sonar during World War II.

After World War II, Spitzer's attention turned to what would become his lifelong dream and his lifelong work,

the Hubble telescope. The most complex undertaking in unmanned space study, the telescope can peer into the deepest reaches of space. And it was only Lyman Spitzer's vision, advocacy and tenacity which made this dream a reality. He shepherded the project from, as the New York Times noted, "a glimpse in his own eye in 1947," to its liftoff in 1990.

Mr. President, Mr. Spitzer's interests included all aspects of astronautics. He was the catalyst of the Copernicus Orbiting Astronomical Observatory, an ultraviolet predecessor of Hubble that NASA launched in 1972. He was also a pioneer of the effort to use nuclear fusion as a clean and limitless source of energy. And Spitzer was the founding director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, where he worked until the day he died.

Lyman Spitzer enhanced our vision of the universe, increased our knowledge of the stars and expanded our own horizons. He is an outstanding example of the difference a single individual can make. Others may continue his work in Princeton, but no one will ever be able to replace him.●

CENTRAL MARYLAND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, each year an elite group of young women rise above the ranks of their peers and confront the challenge of attaining the Girl Scouts of the United States of America's highest rank in scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award.

It is with great pleasure that I recognize and applaud young women from the State of Maryland who are this year's recipients of this most prestigious and time honored award.

These outstanding young women are to be commended on their extraordinary commitment and dedication to their families, their friends, their communities, and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

The qualities of character, perseverance, and leadership which enabled them to reach this goal will also help them to meet the challenges of the future. They are our inspiration for today and our promise for tomorrow.

I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of this award from the State of Maryland. They are the best and the brightest and serve as an example of character and moral strength for us all to imitate and follow.

Finally, I wish to salute the families, scout leaders, and the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland who have provided these young women with continued support and encouragement.

It is with great pride that I submit a list of this year's Girl Scout Gold Award recipients from the State of Maryland, and I ask that the list be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL MARYLAND

Claire Adams, Laurie Lee Albright, Lisa Birkenheuer, Lyndsay Braswell, Jennifer